

SECRET EYES ONLY

DRAFT

1. Mr. McNamara's presentation yesterday ~~was over-~~  
~~whelmingly effective in demonstrating to the public the~~  
*demonstrated the*  
~~depth and scope of our intelligence on Cuba. I am dis-~~  
*given to the public and therefore*  
~~turbed, however, that in so doing he also showed so much was~~  
*to* the Soviets that our collection capabilities for the  
future may have been compromised. Furthermore, while Mr.  
McNamara's figures do not differ in any major way from ~~my~~  
*within* and *used by me in*  
~~own and those agreed by the Intelligence Community, the~~ *closed.*  
*congressional*  
*hearings*  
general impression left by his presentation differed con-  
*answers to questions differed from mine or which I*  
*have expressed to the McNamara and Stearns Committees*  
siderably from that held by intelligence officers.

2. The statement I made public yesterday with your  
approval went as far as the Intelligence Community felt  
it could safely go in releasing information, both on means  
of collection, and on the intelligence obtained thereby.  
The Department of Defense went well beyond this in re-  
vealing numbers and precise dates of overflights. The  
fact that we use light loading of ships to identify them  
as arms carriers was also made public.

3. On the substantive side, Mr. McNamara gave a  
series of precise numbers, characteristics, measurements,  
and designations which will clearly reveal to the USSR the  
extent of our capabilities against its forces in Cuba.

*No sensitive material of the great out-  
standing in my public statement  
which was so NSIS approved statement*

SECRET EYES ONLY

Although a number of these details and photographs have been released separately from time to time, the impact of this mass of information has caused widespread speculation in the press that we have the same capabilities against the USSR itself, coupled with a strong implication that we gather such information by the use of reconnaissance satellites.

4. ~~I believe that these~~ Disclosures trespass upon ~~the~~ <sup>The Denial of Central Intelligence</sup> my responsibility under ~~the~~ <sup>Section 102 (d)(3) of the</sup> National Security Act of 1947 for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. ~~which states, " "~~

5. ~~I also believe that Mr. McNamara's statements on the Soviet presence in Cuba differed in considerable degree from those I have made to Congressional committees in recent days.~~

6. While I knew of tentative arrangements to give the press a background briefing on what we knew about ~~Soviets in Cuba~~, as discussed with me by Mr. Salinger and Acting McN on Tuesday, the extent of the briefing, the disclosure of factual details concerning amounts and characteristics of Soviet equipment, the disclosure of number of flights and the time of them, and facts on shipping, ~~and, in fact, the~~ <sup>analysis</sup> all came ~~appeared~~.